

CCSVI Working Group

Biographies

The CCSVI Working Group is to provide advice and recommendations to the National Board of Directors concerning chronic cerebro-spinal venous insufficiency with the goal of positively impacting the MS Society's approach to research, treatment and advocacy activities as well as guidance to people with MS. Members of the CCSVI Working Group were chosen based on skill sets as they relate to CCSVI and to provide a balanced representation of the interests within the MS Society. For privacy and confidentiality reasons, the MS Society does not reveal the personal connections individuals have to MS. The majority of members are affected by MS in their personal lives.

Linda Lumsden, Chair Brockville, Ontario

Linda Lumsden has been chair of the National Board of Directors since November 2009. She has held numerous leadership positions within the MS Society since becoming a volunteer with the Ottawa Chapter where she served as vice-chair and then chair. She was then elected to the Ontario Division Board of Directors becoming first vice-chair and then chair in 2007.

Linda Lumsden lives in Brockville, Ont. She retired from Bell after 31 years of service. Her career spanned a variety of executive management positions including customer service, labour negotiations, budget management and strategic planning. When she retired she was a vice-president specializing in government relations. She has provided leadership to a number of community boards of directors, including serving as chair of the George Brown College Board in Toronto and as president of the Bell Pensioners Group in Ontario and Quebec.

Shelley Black
Ottawa, Ontario

Shelley Black first became interested in CCSVI advocacy when Dr. Zamboni's Liberation Treatment was met with hope by Canadians with MS who watched and listened to the story unfold on CTV's W5 in November 2009. Shelley Black is an active member of the MS Liberation Group of Ottawa.

Prior to her interest and involvement with the CCSVI cause, she was primarily considering herself a child advocate. For nine years, she led a very fulfilling career as an elementary school teacher and then took a break from the classroom to have a baby and enjoy the early years of motherhood.

Shelley Black currently works as a web content writer for an IT company in Ottawa. She studied social science at John Abbott College, English literature at McGill University and completed her degree in education at Concordia University. She is a humanitarian who is passionate about issues pertaining to health and human rights.

Anthony Feinstein
Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Feinstein is a professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto. His neuropsychiatry research focuses on the search for cerebral correlates of behavioural disorders associated with multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, and hysteria (conversion disorders).

Dr. Feinstein is also involved in a series of studies unrelated to neuropsychiatry, but of relevance to current societal issues within our society: How are journalists affected emotionally by their work in war zones and what motivates them to pursue such dangerous occupations?

In 2000-2001 he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to study mental health issues in post-apartheid Namibia. This led to the development of that country's first rating scale for mental illness. He is currently engaged on a similar project in Botswana. Dr. Feinstein is the author of numerous books including *Dangerous Lives: War and the Men and Women Who Report It* and *The Clinical Neuropsychiatry of Multiple Sclerosis*.



Marilyn Lenzen**North Vancouver, British Columbia**

Marilyn Lenzen was introduced to the MS Society in 2003, and soon began volunteering to plan an MS Walk. She continues to be involved in event planning and fundraising. She now serves as chair of the BC & Yukon Division Board of Directors. She finds her involvement with the MS Society rewarding, as it provides her with an opportunity to help people with MS while still using her professional skills. She lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 2008, Marilyn Linzen was recognized for her five-year contribution to the MS Society. She is also the founder of the SUCCESS MS self-help group. The self-help group is a dynamic and supportive resource to those with MS living on the North Shore of Metro Vancouver. The group also forms an energetic MS Walk fundraising team that achieves top fundraising status each year as a friends and family TeamMS.

Samuel Ludwin**Kingston, Ontario**

Dr. Ludwin is professor emeritus, Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, at Queens University, where he also served a term as associate dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, and vice-president of Research at the Kingston Hospitals.

In addition to his clinical work as a neuropathologist, Dr. Ludwin has been a researcher in multiple sclerosis for the last 35 years. He has published extensively on studies of the pathology of clinical multiple sclerosis, and his experimental studies have mainly focused on the mechanisms of demyelination and the capacity for remyelination (repair) in animal and tissue culture models of multiple sclerosis. Dr. Ludwin has served on the editorial boards of numerous scholarly journals, and has held numerous administrative academic positions. Currently, Dr. Ludwin is the chair of the Federal Panel in Research Ethics of the three federal granting agencies.



Lindsay Machan**Vancouver, British Columbia**

Dr. Machan is associate professor, Department of Radiology, University of British Columbia, and associate member, Division of Vascular Surgery. He is an interventional radiologist with a particular interest in endovascular vein therapy and local therapy of restenosis.

Dr. Machan is co-founder of Angiotech Pharmaceuticals. He was the co-winner of the EnCana Principal Award from the Manning Awards Foundation for inventing and developing the TAXUS drug-eluting stent which is used in the treatment of coronary artery disease.

Linda Molyneux**Toronto, Ontario**

Born and raised in Toronto, Linda Molyneux is married and the mother of four children. She studied English at Concordia University before beginning a career with Wittington Investments Limited and The W. Garfield Weston Foundation.

An energetic fund-raiser, she has been involved with various charitable organizations including The National Ballet of Canada, The Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital, Branksome Hall School, Rosedale Presbyterian Church and, currently, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's fund-raising initiative for CCSVI research.

T.J. (Jock) Murray**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Dr. Jock Murray is professor emeritus at Dalhousie University. He was the founder and director of the Dalhousie Multiple Sclerosis Research Unit. He was professor of medicine (neurology), professor of medical humanities, and dean of medicine, with professional appointments also in the departments of family medicine, community health and epidemiology, and history at Dalhousie University. He was a founder of the Consortium of North American Multiple Sclerosis Centres.

Dr. Murray has over 200 publications to his name. He is the author of a textbook of neurology, and two books on the management of multiple sclerosis as well as a book on the history of multiple sclerosis. He is or has been on the editorial board of 22 medical journals.



James Orr
Edmonton, Alberta

James Orr is chair of the Board, Alberta and Northwest Territories Division, MS Society of Canada, and chair of National Client Services, MS Society of Canada. He joined the MS Society Alberta Division in 2006 as a member of the Government Relations Committee.

He has been a civil servant with the Government of Alberta for 10 years and currently director, Safety Codes & Standards, which includes responsibility for accessibility under the Alberta Building Code.

Julian Spears
Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Spears is assistant professor, Division of Neurosurgery and Department of Medical Imaging, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. He is co-director, Neurovascular Program, St. Michael's Hospital and adjunct scientist in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital, which is affiliated with the University of Toronto.

He holds a Heart and Stroke Foundation Phase I Clinician Scientist Award for investigations in cerebrovascular disease. His specific research interests include neurovascular and endovascular neurosurgery with an emphasis on brain vascular malformations and cerebral aneurysms.

Ron Unger
Oliver, British Columbia

Ron Unger graduated with a medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1968. He was a family physician in Fort Churchill, Man., Nigeria and Winnipeg, and the last 20 years practiced in Oliver, B.C.

He served on the board of the South Okanagan Chapter of the MS Society of Canada for many years.

Brock Winterton
Toronto, Ontario

Born in Edmonton and raised in Calgary, Brock Winterton attended University of Saskatchewan and University of Western Ontario receiving a



BA economics degree. After a management program at CIBC in Toronto he worked initially as a research analyst and latterly as director of energy research for RBC Dominion Securities from 1980-2003. Subsequently, he was managing director of research for Clarus Securities in Toronto, an institutional investment dealer.

Brock Winterton has been involved in the not for profit sector since 1984 working with theatre companies, the National Ballet and his church.

**Yves Savoie – ex officio
Toronto, Ontario**

Yves Savoie is president and chief executive officer of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and as president of its Ontario Division. Based in Toronto, he has overall responsibility for the MS Society's financial well-being and for the quality of its programs. He is an ambassador for the MS Society throughout Canada and is its key spokesperson to donors, governments, health professionals, the media and members of the MS research community.

Yves Savoie is a member of the board of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation and the chair of its CEO advisory committee. He also serves as a member of the governing council of the Health Charities Coalition of Canada, of the editorial board of *The Philanthropist*, and of Imagine Canada's standards steering committee. Immediately prior to joining the MS Society, he was executive director of Family Service Toronto. He served as the national executive director of Muscular Dystrophy Canada from 1998 to 2003 and previously held executive positions at Toronto East General Hospital Foundation and the Royal Ontario Museum Foundation.

**Deanna Groetzinger – staff resource
Toronto, Ontario**

Deanna Groetzinger is national vice-president of government relations and policy for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. She works with volunteers and staff across the country through the National Government Relations Committee to increase responsiveness to issues that impact people affected by MS among governments at all levels with a specific focus on the federal and Ontario governments.



She is a member of the advisory board of the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and a member of the implementation committee of the National Population Health Study of Neurological Conditions. She is also responsible for the development and implementation of internal MS Society policies.

